

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

January 1st, 2017

“...the GOD of all grace, who hath called us unto HIS eternal glory by CHRIST JESUS, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

1 PETER 5:10

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Heidi Young - January 1st

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be our PASTOR

MALACHI 1:1-5 — YOUR EYES SHALL SEE *

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*** Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

HE WHO DOES NOT HATE THE FALSE, DOES NOT LOVE THE TRUE

"IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS: AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM." (JOHN 14:24)

I cannot endure false doctrine, however neatly it may be put before me. Would you have me eat poisoned meat because the dish is of the choicest ware? It makes me indignant when I hear another gospel put before the people with enticing words by man who would fair make merchandise of souls; and I marvel at those who have soft words for such deceivers. *"That is your bigotry,"* says one. Call it so if you like; but it is the BIGOTRY OF THE LOVING JOHN, who wrote, [in **2 John 1:10-11**] *"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."* I would to GOD we all had more of such decision, for the lack of it is depriving our religious life of its backbone and substituting for honest manliness a mass of tremulous jelly of mutual flattery.

HE WHO DOES NOT HATE THE FALSE, DOES NOT LOVE THE TRUE; and he to whom it is all the same, whether it be GOD's word or man's, is himself unrenewed at heart. Oh, if some of you were like your fathers, you would not have tolerated in this age the wagon loads of trash under which the gospel has been of late buried by ministers of your own choosing. The apostle spake by inspiration when he said, [*in Galatians 1:8*] "...though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." According to modern effeminacy he ought to have said, "*Let him be kindly spoken with in private, but pray make no stir. No doubt the good brother has his own original modes of thought and we must not question his liberty. Doubtless he believes the same as we do, only there is some little difference as to terms.*" This is treason to CHRIST and treachery to truth and cruelty to souls.

IF WE LOVE OUR LORD, WE SHALL KEEP HIS WORDS AND STAND FAST IN THE FAITH, coming out from among the false teachers. Nor is this inconsistent with charity; for the truest love to those who err is not to fraternize with them in their error, but to be faithful to JESUS CHRIST in all things.

PASTOR **CHARLES SPURGEON** (1834—1892, 57)

AN ETERNAL DISTINCTION OF GOD'S GRACE IN CHRIST

"...THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS GIVEN UNTO US." (READ ROMANS CHAPTER 5)

The religious professor receives doctrines because he sees them in the Bible. The believer not only sees them in the Book, but he feels them in his heart, put there by the Holy Spirit.

The believer gets at truth through trouble.

He arrives at the banquet of mercy through sharp pangs of hunger.

He lays hold of the robe of righteousness, chilled by nakedness.

He comes to the cross because he is guilty and there is nowhere else to go.

Thus the religionist and the believer (however they may resemble one another) have an eternal distinction which the hand of GOD has drawn between the living and the dead.

PASTOR **J.C. PHILPOT** (1802—1869, 67)

THE TRUE REFUGE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

“PUT ON THE NEW MAN, WHICH AFTER GOD IS CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS.” (READ EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4)

Beloved, put off the old man. How do you do that? Believe CHRIST. Beloved, put on the new man. How do you do that? Believe CHRIST. Beloved, put on the new man *“which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”* **EPHESIANS 4:24**

This is the true refuge and haven of GOD's people; the righteousness and true holiness of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Paul said *“...I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith”* **PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9**

How do I know if CHRIST is my refuge, if CHRIST is my peace? How can I know that He has been made to be my righteousness?

Do you count all the doings of your flesh, but dung? Paul said *“...I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.”* **PHILIPPIANS 3:8**

Do you count all the doing of your flesh, nothing more than a pile of filthy ruined rags? GOD's word declares *“...we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”* **ISAIAH 64:6**

Like all GOD's people, Paul did not want to be found in his doing. Paul wanted to be found in the righteous doing and true holiness of CHRIST. Paul said his hope was to *“...be found in CHRIST, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law [Paul did not want to be found in his imperfect keeping of the law], but [Paul wanted to be found in] that which is through the faith of Christ, [through CHRIST's perfect keeping of the law] the righteousness which is of God by faith”* **PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9**

Beloved, believe it—the righteousness of CHRIST, which is of GOD, is freely given and made yours by His grace. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

If by GOD's unmerited grace, you find yourself believing CHRIST JESUS the LORD—rejoice! For great is your peace, He saith *“In righteousness shalt thou be established...”* He saith *“their righteousness is of me”* that *“to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”* Amen.
(ISAIAH 54:17, 1 THESSALONIANS 3:13)

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